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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lisa A. Racie et al.

Application No.: 10/057,487

Group No.: 1652

Filed: 01/25/2002

Examiner: Slobodyansky, Elizabeth

For: Aggrecanase Molecules

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

EXTENSION OF TERM

2. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for the extension of time. If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account 19-2380.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

3. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE

No additional fee for claims is required.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

In response to the Office Communication mailed November 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of

this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.